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APPELLANTS' BRIEF

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

On May 10, 2005, the Examiner made a final rejection to pending Claims 28-35 and 38-40. A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 11, 2005.

. Appellants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner.

The following constitutes Appellants' Brief on Appeal.

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reconsideration and reversal of the written description rejection of Claims 28-32 and 39-40 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons given above, Appellants submit that the specification discloses at least one patentable utility for the PRO1788 polypeptides of Claims 28-35 and 38-40, and that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand how to use the claimed polypeptides, for example in the diagnosis of colon tumors. Therefore, Claims 28-35 and 38-40 meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101 and 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Appellants further submit that Claims 28-33 and 39-40 meet the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Accordingly, reversal of all the rejections of Claims 28-35 and 38-40 is respectfully requested.

Please charge any additional fees, including fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>08-1641</u> (referencing Attorney's Docket No. <u>39780-2830 P1C42</u>).

Respectfully submitted,

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